Gauge conversion of Dharmavaram-Pakala section

3147. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gauge conversion project is currently being executed in the Dharmavaram-Pakala section;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of funds allocated for the project in the budgets of 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(d) whether any additional funds would be sanctioned for the project;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The work if gauge conversion of Dharmavaram-Pakala section (227 k.m.) is an ongoing work for which earthwork & bridgeworks between Pakala-Madanapalli (84 k.m.) have been taken up. An expenditure of Rs. 2.52 crore was incurred during 2005-06 against an outlay of Rs. 2.00 crore during 2005-06. An outlay of Rs. 11.51 crore has been provided for the work in Budget 2006-07.

(d) to (f) The demand for additional funds for the project would be given due consideration during the year based upon physical progress achieved and the overall availability of resources.

Upgradation of platforms at New Delhi station

†3148. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four platforms of New Delhi Railway Station are being made compatible to 24 coaches;

(b) the number of trains which are running with 24 coaches at present;

(c) whether platforms of those stations having stoppages of such trains are compatible to 24 coaches; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.